NOTES AND COMMENT FROM THE WORLD OF MUSIC

OPERA FLEES BEFORE WAR

Effect of Martial Strife on Music in Elder Days as Described in Mr. Sonneck's Book.

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THE practical abolition of operatic performances by war, a condition now obtaining in all the European belligerent countries, occurred in America at the time of the Revolution. This statement brings added interest, owing to the prevailing belief that the American colonists were a dour and inartistic people, deaf to the charms of Orpheus. Yet Mr. Sonneck's, in his recent book, "Early Opera in America," shows how utterly mistaken this opinion is,

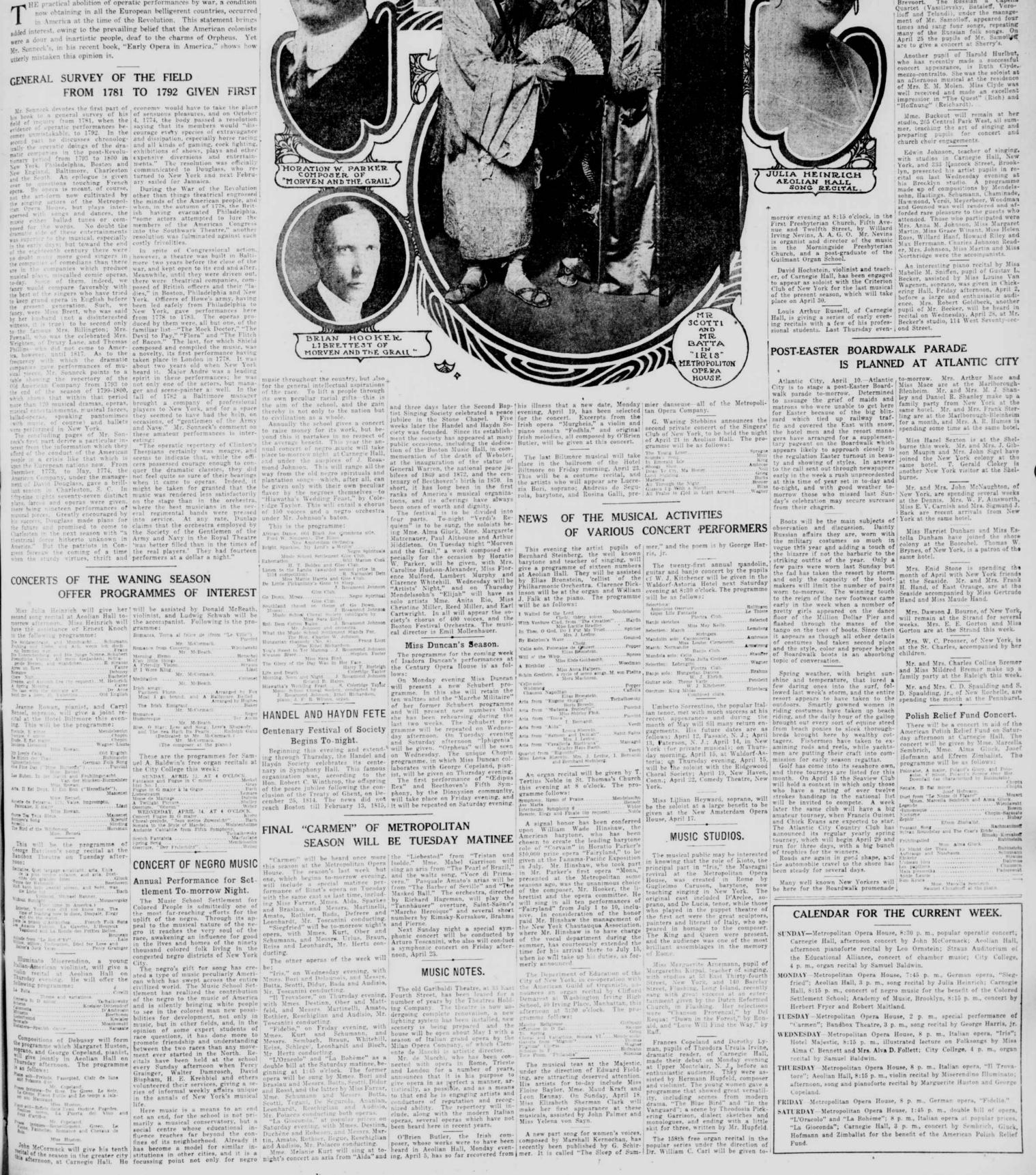
GENERAL SURVEY OF THE FIELD FROM 1781 TO 1792 GIVEN FIRST

saying that its members would unstakable, to 1792. In the the discusses chronolog-prenatic doings of the dramanes in the post-Revoludid from 1793 to 1800 in Philadelphia, Boston and all kinds of gaming, cock fighting, exhibitions of shows, plays and other expensive diversions and entertainments. The resolution was officially communicated to Douglass, who returned to New York and next February sailed for Jamaica.

During the War of the Revolution other than things theatrical engrossed the minds of the American people, and when, in the autumn of 1778, the British having evacuated Philadelphia, "some actors attempted to lure the members of the American Congress into the Southwark Theatre," another resolution was fulminated against such costly frivolities.

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oing Miss Anna Benedict, mezzo-contralto, sang several songs, including new compositions by Bruno Huhn and Branscome, songs by Chadwick, Gounod and Russell, with Cari Hahn's "Tis All That I Can Say." The programmes have included five Chopin polonaises, Mendelssohn's First Concerto, Schumann's Fantasie pieces, Schubert's Impromptus, and other complete works by the classic and romantic masters. The recital this week will be an "All Chopin" programme, including many of the greater works of this composer, the "Fantasie," "Rondo" for two pianos, etc. pianos, etc.

Lazar S. Samoiloff, the Russian barytone and teacher, of Carnegie Hall, took part in the programme of the Pleiades Club on March 20 at the Hotel Brevoort. The Russian à Capella Quartet (Vassilevsky, Bataieff, Vorolioff and Telandi), under the management of Mr. Samoiloff, appeared four times and sang four songs, repeating many of the Russian folk songs. On April 25 the pupils of Mr. Samoiloff are to give a concert at Sherry's.

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Another pupil of Harold Hurlbut, who has recently made a successful concert appearance, is Ruth Clyde, mezzo-contralto. She was the soloist at an afternoon musical at the residence of Mrs. E. M. Molen. Miss Clyde was well received and made an excellent impressior in "The Quest" (Rich) and "Hoffnung" (Reichardt).

Mme. Buckout will remain at her studio, 265 Central Park West, all summer, teaching the art of singing and preparing pupils for concert and church choir engagements.

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Edwin Johnson, teacher of singing, with studios in Carnegie Hall, New York, and 333 Hancock Street, Brooklyn, presented his artist pupils in recital on last Wednesday evening at his Brocklyn studio. A programme made up of compositions by Mendelssohn, Hastings, Schumann, Chaminade, Hanmond, Verdi, Meyerbeer, Woodman and Gound was well rendered and afforded rare pleasure to the guests who attended. Those who participated were Mrs. Anna M. Johnson, Miss Margaret Martin, Miss Grace Winant, Miss Helen Ross, Willard Hanf, Howard Riley and Max Herrmann, Charles Johnson Reader, Mrs. Johnson, Miss Martin and Miss Northridge were the accompanists.

An interesting plano recital by Miss morrow evening at 8:15 o'clock, in the First Presbyterian Church, Fifth Avenue and Twelfth Street, by Willard Irving Nevins, A. A. G. O. Mr. Nevins is organist and director of the music in the Morningside Presbyterian Church, and a post-graduate of the Guilmant Organ School.

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